

Meeting Minutes
Council-Citizens Committee
Marina Park Design

Location: Council Chambers
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 27, 2008

1. **Welcome and Introduction** Chairman Selich convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. The following persons were in attendance:

Committee Members

- Mayor Ed Selich (Chair)
- Council Member Michael Henn
- Tom Billings (Protect Our Parks)
- John Corrough (Harbor Commissioner)
- Dave Lambert (American Legion Post 291)
- Billy Whitford (Rep. for sailing or rowing organization)
- Grace Dove (Neighborhood Rep.)

Committee Members Absent

- Council Member Don Webb
- Bill Garrett (Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commissioner)
- Tom Olivas (Rep. for Girl Scout Council of Orange County)

City Staff

- Dave Kiff, Assistant City Manager
- Dave Webb, Deputy Public Works Director
- Wes Morgan, Recreation and Senior Services Director
- Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent
- Chris Miller, Harbor Resources Supervisor
- Mark Reader, Public Works
- Kim Rieff, Department Assistant

Consultants

- Dan Herman, Rabben/Herman Design
- Tim Bundy (Bundy Finckel Architects)

Members of the public

- Ernie Bakenie
- Chandler Bell
- Liz Bonn
- Marsha Dossey
- Carter Ford
- Colleen Harber
- Joyce Ibbetson
- Craig Morissette

- Pam Murray
- Jon O'Hara
- Dolores Otting
- John Reynolds

2. **Approve Minutes of Past Meetings (All)**

- The minutes from the January 30, 2008, meeting were approved.

3. **Public Comment – Non Agenda Items**

No comments were offered.

4. **Discussion Items:**

A. Report of Marina Use Subcommittee

Mr. Morgan said the subcommittee met on February 21st from the direction of the committee and the Mayor. He said the current design of the Marina can accommodate changing program plans and address needs and priorities as they change. The subcommittee reached a consensus to leave the design as is.

Mr. Ford said flexibility is very important.

Ms. Harber said there are a lot of young families that need to be represented so she wants to make sure their interests are served.

B. Discuss other key items, and offer Committee's recommendation to the City Council, if needed (all):

- Footprint and massing of buildings

Mr. Bakenie said the buildings are too big and he wished other residents knew what was going on.

Ms. Otting said the people voted on a park because this is the last view of the bay that we could preserve for the next generation.

Chairman Selich asked Mr. Billings if he had any comments regarding the buildings. Mr. Billings replied that the community wanted to keep the elements that were already there. We designed a community center next to the aquatic center but we left it up to the City to decide what the needs are for the community center. In response to Council Member Henn, Mr. Billings said the buildings seem larger than what was on the original concept.

Chairman Selich suggested the building height issue go back to the City Council to either ratify what we are doing or put limits on it so we can move ahead on the project. Chairman Selich asked Mr. Kiff to schedule the building height issue for the March 11th City Council Meeting.

- Size and type of marina, marina slips

Mr. Kiff said the subcommittee's report says the footprint of the marina is appropriate.

- Restrooms – consolidate or keep same number?

Mr. Kiff said he talked to Mr. Dave Webb about the 19th Street restroom and whether it should be remodeled and incorporated into this project. Mr. Kiff said our recommendation is to include it in the project.

A resident said she would like the restroom to be a part of the process.

Ms. Dossey said we should consolidate the restrooms.

In response to Chairman Selich, the Committee agreed with the architect's recommendation that the 19th Street restroom should be incorporated as part of the project.

Ms. Dove asked if the plan could be sent to the Police Department for review to make sure the restrooms and basketball courts are in a safe place. Mr. Morgan said the staff likes the central location of the tot lot restroom.

- Trees – more, fewer, or the same amount of shade trees
Mr. Kiff said the residents felt the mix of trees may or may not be appropriate.

Mr. Billings said he supports fewer trees to support a greater window to the bay view. Ms. Otting agreed.

Mr. Herman said the trees are placed to provide shade for parents as they are watching their children in the play area and they are strategically placed in the open space so there could be free play without any big baseball games or soccer games taking over the park.

Chairman Selich said as we go through the process the architect will bring back identified palates of plants, the species, the size of the trees and the brown trunk height.

- Location, quantity, and size of basketball courts, tennis courts
In response to Chairman Selich, the Committee accepts the proposed location of the tennis and basketball courts.

A resident said she is concerned about the basketball court being next to the Girl Scout house because of child safety.

C. Update of list of questions submitted by area residents

Mr. Kiff said there is a list of questions and answers posted on the Website.

5. Upcoming Scope of Work and Timeline

Mr. Herman handed out the Schematic and Design Entitlement Phase preliminary schedule (attached). In a month the team will expand and will start working on the individual issues. For the overall process we will probably have an environmental document and conclusion for our schematic design extended to the September/October time frame. We are concerned about the views, the traffic and parking management. We can start on the landscaping, develop the buildings with more detail, and the Marine Engineer can proceed with the work on the Marina.

6. **Adjourn & Set Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 26th at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.